



The Census Tracts from the 2010 Federal Census and generally have a population size between 1,200 and 8,000 people, with an optimum size of 4,000 people. A tract usually covers a contiguous area; however, the spatial size of census tracts varies widely depending on the density of settlement. Their boundaries are delineated to generally follow visible and identifiable features with the intention of being maintained over a long time so that statistical comparisons can be made from census to census. Tracts occasionally are split due to population growth or merged as a result of substantial population decline.

